



**MANSFIELD ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN**  
**Wednesday, March 5, 2014**  
**Council Chambers, Town Hall**  
**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Sara Anderson, Lisa Bovee, Chelsea Burns, Sarah Delia (staff), Jordana Frost (EHHD), Jane Goldman, Cindy Guerreri, Kathleen Krider (staff), Rachel Leclerc, Pat Schneider, Jeff Smithson, Esther Soffer-Roberts, Judy Stoughton, Linda Williams, Jillene Woodmansee and Kelly Zimmerman.

**Regrets** Susan Daley, Mary Jane Newman

**Guests:** Julie Campbell, Rita Kornblum,

<b>WHAT</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>
CALL TO ORDER	Kathleen Krider called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.	
CONSENT AGENDA	Approval of the Minutes of January 8, 2014 meeting.	<i>The January 8, 2014 Minutes were approved with amendments.</i>
SPECIAL BUISINESS	<b>Community Assessment Tool:</b> Cindy Guerreri <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cindy led the membership in discussing and evaluating the Assessment Tool about MAC's performance over the past year.</li> </ul>	<i>Discussion to be continued at the April MAC meeting.</i>
TEAM UPDATES	<b>Staff Reports:</b> <b>POP</b> – Judy Stoughton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There will be three workshops centered on the Power of Play led by Jeff Smithson. The Provider POP will be held Saturday, March 15 at Mansfield Discovery Depot. The Parent POP will be held on Saturday, March 22 at the Mansfield Public Library from 10:00-12:00pm. Childcare will be provided. The Kid and Family POP will be held on Friday, April 11 in the evening.</li> </ul> <b>PEP</b> – Jeff Smithson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PEP stands for People Empowering People. These workshops are taking place at Mansfield Discovery Depot on Tuesday evenings. Eight to ten people are enrolled in the workshops. The goal is to have people learn to connect with their community. Recently, there have been guest speakers from the community. Participants receive a certificate from UConn; the class ends in April and then the members do a community project.</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Playground Committee:</b> Sara Anderson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Town is now involved in the planning for the Playground.</li> <li>• House Parties are ongoing. There is a possibility of a large house party of 100+ people in the spring and possibly a Silent Auction.</li> <li>• There will be a Moe's fundraiser on March 10 from 5:00 – 9:00pm.</li> <li>• Kelly Zimmerman from the Children's Committee has a new mission. She feels every child in Mansfield should have a personal item in the Playground. Kelly is thinking about fingerprints on hand tiles or some representation of each class in Mansfield. She will have an After-School group at the Middle School using funds from the Community Foundation of Northeast CT. She has also created a Community Service class at the Community Center for the spring and would also like to reach out to home-schooled children and families.</li> </ul> <p><b>School Readiness:</b> Kathleen Krider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The School Readiness and Quality Enhancement Grant become one grant this year. The combined grant is due to the state on May 21.</li> <li>• A meeting to address slot allotment and re-enrollment for the 2014-15 school year will be needed.</li> <li>• The Quality Enhancement grant is supporting the POP and the Home Care Providers CPR and First Aid Training in April.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Sarah Delia and Kathleen Krider will schedule a meeting to discuss SR issues and slot allotment.</i></p>
OLD BUSINESS	<p><b>Development of Executive Council/Revision of By-Laws:</b> Jillene Woodmansee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The By-Law Subcommittee has met three or four times. Sarah Delia is working with Mary Stanton the Town Clerk on the Town guidelines and the charge of the MAC from the Town Council. The committee hopes to have a draft revision for the MAC meeting.</li> </ul> <p><b>Progress of 95210 Subcommittee:</b> Jordana Frost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This subcommittee would like to revive the 95210 initiative. They discussed current status quo. Jordana and Rita Kornblum attended the nurse's meeting; the SE nurse has the 95210 materials and will share with other schools.</li> <li>• EHHD will seek to coordinate with Mansfield Public Schools Dining Services.</li> <li>• The committee is working on a draft letter to 4<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	<p><i>The By-Law Revision Subcommittee will continue to meet.</i></p>

	<p>grade parents to communicate about the fitness test.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee showed its support for the community by purchasing pickets for the Playground with the 95210 phrases.</li> <li>• For the next steps the committee plans to investigate the “Let’s Move” and possibly do a video about how the community moves. They may also do a taped focus group on children – how they are eating and moving.</li> </ul> <p><b>CHDI Report:</b> Rita Kornblum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Child Health and Development Institute is collecting data on the yellow forms (the ones that pre-school parents fill out.)</li> <li>• They have found that the forms are not always filled out. They have also discovered that there was previously no form in Spanish for Spanish speaking families.</li> </ul> <p><b>PTA/PTO Meeting Report:</b> Esther Soffer Roberts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee contacted the elementary schools’ PTA/PTO’s and had chosen a date for all three organizations to meet. Then some difficulty arose and the many people could not make the date chosen. There will be a new date chosen.</li> <li>• There were items from the 95210 meetings that will be on the agenda of the all school PTA/PTO meeting such as Let’s Move campaign, different welcome committee activities and fundraising.</li> </ul>	<p><i>The next meeting of the 95210 committee will be March 27.</i></p> <p><i>A new date will be chosen for the PTA/PTO meeting.</i></p>
PARKING LOT	1. Transportation	
ADJOURN	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.</p> <p>Next MAC Meeting, <b>Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 5:30pm – 7:30pm</b> at the <b>Community Room in the Mansfield Community Center.</b></p> <p>Agenda topics: Please send to Kathleen at <a href="mailto:kriderk@mansfieldct.org">kriderk@mansfieldct.org</a></p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Sarah Delia Assistant to the Early Childhood Services Coordinator</p>	

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